

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Reissue Application of: Edem, et al.)
Reissue Appln. No.: 09/443,250)
Filed: November 11, 1999)
For: NETWORK LINK ENDPOINT)
CAPABILITY DETECTION)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed March 2, 2001, please reexamine the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks. A petition for extension of time accompanies this amendment and is hereby requested.

CLAIMS SHOWING AMENDMENTS MADE HEREIN

73. (amended) In a data communication network comprising at least a first endpoint coupled to at least a second endpoint, an apparatus for establishing communication between the first endpoint and the second endpoint comprising:

a first endpoint transmitter transmitting a first endpoint protocol signal to the second endpoint, the first endpoint protocol signal indicating a communication protocol, including a format for a data transmission, with which the first endpoint is capable of communicating;

a second endpoint receiver receiving the first endpoint protocol signal;

a second endpoint transmitter transmitting a second endpoint protocol signal to the first endpoint, the second endpoint protocol signal indicating a communication protocol, including a format for a data transmission, with which the second endpoint is capable of communicating;

wherein the communication protocol indicated by the second endpoint protocol signal is different from the communication protocol indicated by the first endpoint protocol signal;

a first endpoint receiver receiving the second endpoint protocol signal;